The Government of Karnataka has also requested to release Rs. 130.24 lakhs as 50% central assistance for 9 SC girls hostels. The proposal has been examined and the State Government has been requested to furnish certain clarifications, which are awaited.

Recommendations of Mandal Commission

†1976. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh is the only State in the country where the recommendations of Mandal Commission have not been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the number of States which are not implementing the recommendations of Mandal Commission; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) The recommendations of Mandal Commission are being implemented in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep have not implemented the recommendations of Mandal Commission as there is no Backward Class population in these States/UTs.

(c) No action is required.

National Policy for handicapped persons

†1977. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has suggested to Government to formulate a National Policy for the Handicapped Persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.